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A dynamic nature is added to configuration files so that various types of dynamic functions can be performed within them. Variables are utilized within the configuration files. Thus, it is possible to have parameters specified in one configuration file and a formula to which the parameters will be applied in another configuration file. This allows changing of the values in the parameter file without having to modify the formula file, thereby streamlining the modification process when changes need to be made. In addition, it provides the capability for cross-referencing between configuration properties by allowing for variables in properties that refer to other properties.

